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SUBJECT: THE "SEPARATE PEACE" ISSUE

1. IMPLICIT IN ARAB AND SOVIET CRITICISM OF SADAT'S ACCEPTANCE OF SINAI DISENGAGEMENT IS CHARGE THAT SADAT IS PREPARED FOR (OR HAS ALREADY COMMITTED HIMSELF TO) A SEPARATE PEACE WITH ISRAEL. IN ARAB EYES THIS, OF COURSE, IS THE MOST HEINOUS CRIME AN ARAB LEADER CAN COMMIT, FLAUNTIS VARIOUS ARAB SUMMIT DECISIONS, AND THEREFORE REPRESENTS GRAVE CHAGE AGAINST SADAT. PUBLICLY, SADAT DENOUNCES SUCH TALK AND PLEDGES HIMSELF AGAIN AND AGAIN TO MAINTAIN EGYPT'S HISTORIC AREA ROLE AS LEADER TOWARD ARAB GOAL OF JUST AND COMPREHENSIVE SETTLEMENT. HE REPEATEDLY ASSERTS HIS CONTINUING DEDICATION TO MOVEMENT ON GOLAN AND THE RESTORATION OF PALESTINIAN RIGHTS.

2. IN OUR VIEW, MANY EGYPTIANS DO NOT REALLY BELIEVE LATEST DISENGAGEMENT HAS BROUGHT US NEARER TO COMPREHENSIVE SETTLEMENT, BUT THAT DOES NOT INHIBIT THEM FROM WELCOMING, OFTEN
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ENTHUSIASTICALLY, WHAT THEY SEE AS RENEWED CHANGE FOR EXTENDED

PERIOD OF RELATIVE STABILITY.

3. FROM OUR VANTAGE POINT, IT WOULD SEEM THAT MANY ARABS DO BELIEVE THAT SADAT, HIS "PRO AMERICAN" ADVISORS (READ FAHMY), AND PERHAPS EGYPTIAN SOCIETY IN GENERAL ARE SO FED UP WITH 27 YEARS OF INTER-ARAB WRANGLING THAT GOE AGREEMENT TO SEPARATE PEACE IS NOT IMPOSSIBLE. ALTHOUGH IT IS ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE TO ASSEMBLE EVIDENCE FOR OR AGAINST THIS HYPOTHESIS, WE DO NOT BELIEVE SADAT OR EGYPTIANS IN GENERAL, DESPITE THEIR EXHAUSTION AND FRUSTRATION, WILL SERIOUSLY CONSIDER OPTING OUT OF DISPUTE. SHOULD THEY DO SO, THEY WOULD BE BRANDED AS PARIAS OF ARAB WORLD. WORST STILL, THEY WOULD LOSE SAUDI AND OTHER WEALTHY ARAB STATES FINANCIAL AID. THIS, THEY CANNOT DO WITHOUT. HOWEVER MUCH THEIR PHARAONIC INSTINCTS MAKE THEM LOOK DOWN ON OTHER ARABS, THEY ATTACH GREAT IMPORTANCE TO THEIR PRETENSIONS TO LEADERSHIP IN THE ARAB WORLD. THEY ARE DEEPLY CONSCIOUS THAT THE NEW AGREEMENT HAS UNDERMINED THIS LONG SELF-ARROGATED STATUS AND LEAVES EGYPT TOTALLY ISOLATED. NOR IS THE ARMY, PROUD AS IT IS OF ITS HERITAGE AND OCTOBER, 1973, SUCCESS, LIKELY TO ACCEPT SUCH A SEPARATE PEACE. SADAT WOULD BE PLAYING WITH HIS POLITICAL FUTURE WERE HE TO DO SO.

4. AS WE HAVE PREVIOUSLY REPORTED, GOE IS WITHOUT POWERFUL WEAPONS OF PRESSURE IN OTHER ARAB CAPITALS, HAVING LARGELY DIVESTED ITSELF OF EXTENSIVE INTELLIGENCE AND INFORMATION CAPABILITIES BUILT UP BY NASSER. ONLY CAIRO'S VOICE OF THE ARABS RADIO STATION REMAINS. ONE SCHOOL OF THOUGHT SUGGESTS THAT SADAT, DESPITE HIS DETERMINATION PRESS ON FOR FULL WITHDRAWAL TO 1967 LINES, IS PLEASED BY ARAB NERVOUSNESS ON ISSUE OF SEPARATE PEACE. THEORY IS THIS ISSUE REPRESENTS ONLY DEVASTATING POLICAL CARD LEFT IN GOE HANDS. WE DO NOT PLACE GREAT WEIGHT ON THIS THEORY, WHICH IS NOT BORNE OUT BY CURRENT GOE EDGINESS ABOUT CONTINUING ARAB ATTACKS, BUT THERE IS NO GAINSAYING THAT SHOULD EGYPT DECIDE TO OPT OUT, ARAB DREAMS OF A PALESTINIAN STATE ARE WASHED UP AND SYRIANS, PALESTINIANS AND OTHER ARAB CRITICS KNOW IT. SO DO ISRAELIS, WHICH IS DOUBTLESS ONE REASON THEY APPEAR TO BE PUSHING SO ASSIDUOUSLY SEPARATE DEAL WITH EGYPT.

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